

This is a letter from  
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I wanted to share with you  
right away. Pauline Hill

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Dear Pauline.

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No time like the present! and strike while  
the iron is hot! Whatever — just so you can pass on any news  
from me with your next "epistle" — probably — a year's time!

I thought I'd write while your letter is fresh — my mind

It is good & you to read off this sort of communication — and  
it is surprising how people who I haven't thought of for years  
come back to life again when you mention them. — in fact, we're  
all probably somewhat similar in that, the last 50 years we  
have all been absorbed — our own lives, and haven't seen much of any  
of our fellow-grads.

The only one I am — bond with, is Phyllis Gals Mearns,  
we have been — contact for years & her eldest daughter is my  
God-daughter. Through her, I have heard of Joan Fawcett Evans, &  
even had her here one day 2 yrs ago, & last year (94) we were in  
Australia & stayed one night with her. Still the same sweet Joan,  
& making the best of life which has dealt some cruel blows to her  
— recent years, & we just got on like we always did.

My life does not make for interesting reading, but  
is pleasant & interesting & enjoyable all the same. Andrew & I have  
had 45 years to gether — when has the time gone! — he retired

John —

Our first ever  
communication from  
Joyce since before  
our re-union at least

(over)



from his law practice 9 years ago, and I retired as a  
Magistrate (that peculiarly British institution) when I was 70  
i.e. 2 yrs. ago. We live in a delightful village about 40 miles  
north of the city of YORK, & seem to keep busy with the usual  
round of meetings, committees etc. plus, of course, gardening, general  
running of a house. Our 2 'children', both married & live not  
far away. Daphne is married to a solicitor (interesting for  
Andrew to keep touch) Daphne teaches school, & they have  
a son & daughter (who have tiled new . . . but not to be) both at  
local schools: (so far) doing well. Philip lives about 10 m.  
away - was farming & breeding pigs - but the "bottom" went out  
of the 'pig market' so he's sold all these & has sheep & beef cattle, &  
is also building houses (more profitable). He has 4 daughters - and  
a 5<sup>th</sup> to come - May/June - so it is a lively household!! A great  
life for the girls, though, as they have ponies & all ride - the 4 yr.  
old collects the eggs from the hens & keeps a keen eye on all the  
animals. Quite fearless.

This is not of any great interest to anyone else,  
but just gives a picture of what our life is like. Well  
done Jean Finch being a Great-granny! My eldest is  
just 15 so a few years to go yet - I hope!

We had a super holiday - the Rockies



in '93 - a place I had wanted to visit for 50 yrs - & finally made it. And they are superb, aren't they?? Of course, many of you know that! We visit a cousin of mine in up-state New York each summer, & sometimes add a 10 day Tom after that. Last year, we spent 2-3 days with a friend of his, = the Adirondacks - which was super. He lives near Cooperstown, & is v-interesting in an Opera Co. which does a "season" in the summer, so we get some culture as well as the tennis, swimming etc. So it's no hardship to go & stay, & well be going again this August, I expect.

Don't any of you come to England??? If you do, many of you will visit YORK, a lovely, very old, walled city & we are not far away, so could meet you there & drive you to Oschesterley. Never mind asking me to go even 5,000 miles away! 30 miles is much less complicated!

So I must close --- My best wishes to you all. A thousand thanks to Pauline for "getting the ball rolling" - just the catalyst I needed, and don't forget, you are welcome to add us to the list of "Ancient monuments" & places to visit in the U.K.

Good luck, & love, Joyce (O'Neill) Tate.



Name Florence Riley

Graduation year 1942

Today's date: Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 1991

I. Why did you choose to study at MES?

My friends were going; I was Camp & sports minded.  
A two year census was appealing for the sake of  
my parents' finances; I knew I had natural teaching  
ability.

II. What alternatives did you consider?

NONE

III. What are some of your fondest memories of being a student at MES?

Constant learning challenges; friends; September  
at Camp,

IV. What are some of your worst memories of being a student at MES?

Fatigue!!! and constantly changing clothes.

V. With respect to your course work what are some of your fondest memories?

Gymnastics & swimming classes with Miss Jackson  
Dance group portraying Mrs. Payson's "Quest"



VI. With respect to your course work what are some of your worst memories?

I don't seem to have any worst memories. I even liked anatomy.

VII. What do you remember about the school's principal and board?

Miss Somers was a wise and caring person.

VIII. How do you think most student's paid for their education at MES [summer jobs, parents paid....]?

I don't know.

IX. In what ways have you kept in touch with alumnae of MES?

A few personal friends

X. What kind of work/volunteer activities did you do as a result of your education at MES?

YWCA Phys. Ed. Program director, Teacher in a girls private school, private gym classes, community swimming classes, teaching beginners at figure skating club,

XI. Did you pursue further education following MES? Where?  
Why?

Jungian Psychology, Apple Farm Community  
Three Rivers, Mich.

Because that's where my questing spirit led me.



XII. PERSONAL BACKGROUND:

- A. Your year of birth: 19 22  
B. Your country of birth: Canada  
C. Country of mother's birth: Canada  
D. Country of father's birth: England  
E. When you entered MES what occupations did your parents have?

Mother's occupation: Homemaker

Father's occupation: Anglican Minister

- F. Where were you living before coming to MES?

City: Toronto

Province: Ont Country: Canada

- G. Which school did you attend prior to entering MES?

Bishop Strachan School, Toronto

What grade (level) did you complete at this school? 13

Was this a private or public school? Private

- H. If you married, which year did you first do so: 19 43

Married to: (name) Robert Edmund Dorsey

Occupation of husband when married: soldier

- XIII. Would you be interested in receiving a copy of my abstract when I complete my study? yes, please

Could you list other addresses than from the class of 39, and 41, or do you know of MES students who have passed on?



Name Ruth Scott

Graduation year 1942

Today's date: January 14<sup>th</sup> 1992

I. Why did you choose to study at MES?

Proximity to home city - and besides my  
Parents didn't want me to go to U.S.A -

II. What alternatives did you consider?

Sergents in Boston that was considered the top  
in Phys Ed at the time - or since my brother was an  
Architect - perhaps studying Interior Decorating

III. What are some of your fondest memories of being a student at MES?

The great friends made and the good times  
were enjoyed at school and social events  
on the campus -

IV. What are some of your worst memories of being a student at MES?

Rules - rules that as a Co-ed school background  
found stupid - foolish - making a grade 13 -  
feel like a grade nine -

V. With respect to your course work what are some of your fondest memories?

Enjoyed the opportunity to have the best plays, theatre  
entertainment available in Toronto - Ontario Athletic  
Comm. Camp - Out-Door Training at Camp Tanamakoon  
Sailing Canoeing - Tripping -



VI. With respect to your course work what are some of your worst memories?

Ploughing back and forth in the dirty pool -  
Sopping wet hair heading up Yonge Street in the snow -  
Banging my knees on the gym horse - which I hated.

VII. What do you remember about the school's principal and board?

The stern smileless faces - Until graduation  
then we were turned out finished products  
well prepared for our profession -

VIII. How do you think most student's paid for their education at MES [summer jobs, parents paid....]?

Parents paid except for work experience  
at Summer Camp - Small stipend received

IX. In what ways have you kept in touch with alumnae of MES?

Laterally at Christmas - brief notes about  
our activities and family - occasional  
lunch meeting when back in Toronto

X. What kind of work/volunteer activities did you do as a result of your education at MES?

Taught at St. Catharines Y.M.Y.W. - Taught at H.M.C.S. St. John's  
(husband in Navy - Halifax - Community Recreation director Whitehorse/Touring  
Phys Ed Dept Head Welland High School - Taught Phys Ed Halifax - Dalhousie  
Board Chm. Welland City Y.M.Y.W. CA - Regional Recreation director  
Niagara Homes for aged - enjoying retirement Mobil Home Park - Fla.

XI. Did you pursue further education following MES? Where?  
Why?

Courses in Recreation Physiology - Buffalo University.  
Business Management Brock Univ. - St. Catharines -



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- D. Country of father's birth: England
- E. When you entered MES what occupations did your parents have?

Mother's occupation: -Dad's - private sect. ?

Father's occupation: Construction Company G. C. Scott Sons

- F. Where were you living before coming to MES?

City: Welland

Province: Ontario Country: Canada

- G. Which school did you attend prior to entering MES?

Welland High Vocational School

What grade (level) did you complete at this school? 13

Was this a private or public school? Public

- H. If you married, which year did you first do so: 19 45

Married to: (name) ① D. D. Watten. ② Ray S. Prophet/83

Occupation of husband when married: 45/46 Cdn. Navy - 83/Retired Marina Surveyor

- XIII. Would you be interested in receiving a copy of my abstract when I complete my study? delighted

Could you list other addresses than from the class of 39, and 41, or do you know of MES students who have passed on? From the class of 42 I have addresses for Jean King Morrison, Anne Thompson Roper, Mary Shirton Andres, Peggy Stewart Cawley, Pauline Sellers Hill, Eva Campbell Munro, Jean Finch Schick, Ruth Scott Prophet, and Lois Creighton Harnish, and I understand that Sirkka Sterner Omholt-Jensen, Mary Thompson Morgan and Libby Seccombe Turner are deceased. Do you know others? Sorry the above

are the gals who have always kept it touch - Expect to have a 50<sup>th</sup> reunion in May - in Toronto - Pauline Hill and I hope it comes to pass. R. P. 25.3



Dear John Bayl.

Great to hear someone  
was interested enough to  
write about the Greatest School  
of its kind in the world.

M.E.S. was unique it offered  
so many opportunities - Camp life  
field sports - theatre - art - with  
top teachers and students -

The Training we all received  
has never been equalled in any  
other school to my knowledge -

I'm proud to say I graduated  
from Margaret Eaton School -

Sincerely  
Keith Scott/Prophet.





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